

FRENCH MOROCCO

I. Current Situation

- A. Extensive anti-French terrorist activity shows continuing vigor.
- B. Removal moderates handed movement to extremists.
- C. Terrorist activity includes try at assassination Resident General Guillaume. Also bombing, arson, railroad and communication sabotage--one per day past nine months.
- D. Recently shift in emphasis:
 - 1. From pro-French Moroccans to French--from urban to rural areas.
- E. Anti-US sentiment increased:
 - 1. No attacks yet against US airbases or Americans.
 - 2. Increasing tendency, however, link US French colonial policy.
- F. Passive resistance movement. 4

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1. Concurrent with terrorism--began April.

2. Native boycott French goods.

II. Indochina Affects North Africa

A. Deteriorating situation there likely worsen situation in North Africa.

1. Greater Nationalist effort obtain objectives.

2. Although Moroccans not able throw French out, can tie down troops needed elsewhere.

3. Nationalists also seeking and getting support Arab-Asian states.

4. French more determined than ever maintain hold, since value Africa more.

III. Communists Expect Take Advantage

A. First Orbit broadcasts beamed North Africa heard 27 May (Budapest).

B. Extremist situation increases likelihood CP participation against

French

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IV. Prospects

A. French concern indicated 20 May change Resident Generals. (Lacoste for Guillaume).

1. No indication nature Lacoste's program to arrive 10 June.
2. Believed favor moderate policy.
3. Without new policy, change will not resolve impasse.

B. Lacoste's task difficult.

1. Friction and frustration has hardened positions.
 - a. Mutual distrust--real concessions probably viewed with scepticism.
2. Anti-nationalist position French settlers unchanged.
3. Nationalists probably not settle short public promise independence with timetable and immediate steps autonomy. Change of sultans not enough.

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